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RE: Supposedly omitted requested items.

To whom it may concern:

In my initial response I enclosed a complete copy of the patent applied for and subsequent separate sheet copies of both the abstract and claims. Then I received this letter more than 2 months later that you still need them and that supposedly I didn't send them. Its obvious that if I took the time to fix the whole application from single space to double space for your scanning convenience, that I would have taken the two seconds required to put the abstract and claims on separate pages. I think, maybe, someone there lost them or misplaced them. I have enclosed again both the abstract and claims on separate pages for you. This had better not affect the dates of my patent application as it was not my fault. I should not have to pay for an extension for an error on behalf of the USPTO. I can understand that people make mistakes and such, but I refuse to be penalized for someone else's error.

Sincerely,

David Maillie